

Listing and Amendment of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A method for operating a television apparatus, the method comprising steps of:

using a tuner of said television apparatus to tune a program on a channel; and
using a processor of said television apparatus to detect an end time of said program ~~and cause~~ , said processor causing said television apparatus to automatically acquire program guide information from a broadcaster within a predetermined time period before said detected end time, said predetermined time period being selected by a user of said television apparatus, and wherein a banner including information for a future program on said channel is automatically displayed in response to said program guide information.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said predetermined time period is selected by said user via an on-screen menu of said television apparatus.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said banner includes at least one of: a title of said future program, a starting time of said future program, and a duration of said future program.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said future program is a next program on said channel.

25. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said program guide information includes an updated electronic program guide.

26. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, further comprised of said television apparatus receiving second program guide information from said broadcaster while said program is tuned, said second program guide information being received without being requested by said television apparatus.

27. (currently amended) The method of claim 26, further comprised of said television apparatus performing steps of:

determining if said banner is currently displayed in response to receiving said second program guide information;

enabling display of said banner using said second program guide information in response to determining that said banner is not currently displayed; and

updating said banner using said second program guide information in response to determining that said banner is currently displayed.

28. (currently amended) A television apparatus, comprising:

means for tuning a program on a channel;

means for detecting an end time of said program and causing said television apparatus to automatically acquire program guide information from a broadcaster within a predetermined time period before said detected end time, said predetermined time period being selected by a user of said television apparatus; and

means for enabling display of a banner including information for a future program on said channel in response to said program guide information.

29. (previously presented) The television apparatus of claim 28, wherein said predetermined time period is selected by said user via an on-screen menu of said television apparatus.

30. (previously presented) The television apparatus of claim 28, wherein said banner includes at least one of: a title of said future program, a starting time of said future program, and a duration of said future program.

31. (previously presented) The television apparatus of claim 28, wherein said future program is a next program on said channel.

32. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 28, wherein said program guide information includes an updated electronic program guide.

33. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 28, wherein said television apparatus receives second program guide information from said broadcaster while said program is tuned, said second program guide information being received without being requested by said television apparatus.

34. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 33, wherein:
said detecting means determines if said banner is currently displayed in response to said television apparatus receiving said second program guide information;
said banner is displayed using said second program guide information in response to said detecting means determining that said banner is not currently displayed; and
said banner is updated using said second program guide information in response to said detecting means determining that said banner is currently displayed.

35. (currently amended) A television apparatus, comprising:
a tuner operative to tune a program on a channel; and
a controller operative to detect an end time of said program and cause said television apparatus to automatically acquire program guide information from a broadcaster within a predetermined time period before said detected end time, said predetermined time period being selected by a user of said television apparatus, and wherein a banner including information for a future program on said channel is automatically displayed in response to said program guide information.

36. (previously presented) The television apparatus of claim 35, wherein said predetermined time period is selected by said user via an on-screen menu of said television apparatus.

37. (previously presented) The television apparatus of claim 35, wherein said banner includes at least one of: a title of said future program, a starting time of said future program, and a duration of said future program.

38. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 35, wherein said program guide information includes an updated electronic program guide.

39. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 35, wherein said television apparatus receives second program guide information from said broadcaster while said program is tuned, said second program guide information being received without being requested by said television apparatus.

40. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 39, wherein:
said controller determines if said banner is currently displayed in response to said television apparatus receiving said second program guide information;
said banner is displayed using said second program guide information in response to said controller determining that said banner is not currently displayed; and
said banner is updated using said second program guide information in response to said controller determining that said banner is currently displayed.